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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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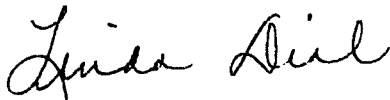
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Those who follow technology news know that the lawsuit that the Department of Justice brought against Microsoft three years ago has hurt investor confidence in technology. Because of the great slowdown in the IT industry, the entire economy has suffered. Why the Department of Justice brought suit against Microsoft is still a great mystery. One of America's great companies, Microsoft is largely responsible for the enormous strides in consumer technology and the universal use of the computer nowadays.

Due to the settlement, Microsoft will no longer be able to negotiate with distributors on an individual basis. All of Microsoft's competitors will still have this ability. Microsoft will also be forced to disclose various portions of its Windows code to competitors. These terms of the settlement are more than enough punitive measures to punish Microsoft for any infractions they may be guilty of.

All this adds up to the need of the Justice Department to end this suit as soon as possible. The IT industry, its consumers and its investors deserve an end to this suit when this period of public comment is over.

Sincerely,



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